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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

General Maxwell D. Taylor
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Shortly before I assumed office, the decision was made to initiate a weekly report which is now known as the Weekly Survey of Cold War Crises Situations. This report is prepared by the Office of National Estimates, coordinated through the Intelligence Community, and reviewed and approved by USIB at their regular Wednesday morning meeting. It is then distributed.

The Weekly Survey was established for readers in high echelons of government to provide earliest possible warning of cold war crises situations. I am informed the consensus is that this report is not serving a useful purpose for the reason that the information contained repeats information that appears in the CIA Intelligence Bulletin, the Check List and other intelligence reports.

It is my opinion there would be no loss in the dissemination of significant intelligence if this weekly report were discontinued. I would appreciate your views. However, if it is your opinion that the report is serving a useful purpose and should be continued, this can be done. If so, I would appreciate your suggestions as to how the report might be improved to make it more meaningful.

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